

Claim 4. (Amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 1, wherein said foam strip

surrounds said core in a single layer and said foam strip is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.

Claim 6. (Amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 5, wherein said core has an outer

surface bulging outwardly near the core's axial center giving said core a barrel shape.

Claim 7. (Amended) An adhesive tape product comprising:

a tape core having an axial width, said core being hollow with a solid, an outer wall, said outer wall having an outer surface which bulges outwardly at its axial center giving said core a barrel shape; and,

a length of adhesive tape having a uniform width and a length substantially greater than said width wound in several turns about said core.

Claim 9. (Amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 8, wherein said foam strip is 40

mils (1 mm) thick.

Claim 10. (Amended) The adhesive tape product of claim 9, wherein said foam strip has a

width approximately equal to said adhesive tape width and surrounds said core in a single layer.

Claim 12. (Amended)

The adhesive tape product of claim 11, wherein said foam layer

is 40 mils (1 mm) thick

Claim 14. (Amended)

An adhesive tape product comprising:

A15 a tape core having an axial width, said core being hollow with a solid, inner surface and an outer foam layer; and,

5 a length of adhesive tape having a uniform width and a length substantially greater than said width wound in several turns about said core.

Claim 15. (Amended)

The adhesive tape product of claim 14, wherein said foam layer is 40 mils (1 mm) thick.

Remarks

The Office Action of February 27, 2002 has been received and carefully studied. As the Examiner is aware, the present application describes and claims an adhesive tape product. The preferred embodiment has a tape core with an outer surface bulging in the middle forming a barrel shape. A single turn of foam material is wrapped around the barrel shaped tape core and adhesive tape is wrapped around the core and foam layer for many turns providing a commercial product. The barrel shape and foam layer has been found by applicants to help prevent telescoping which can be a problem with tape products. A "telescoped" roll of tape has succeeding layers of tape laterally offset. The roll is no longer a disk. The roll becomes a cone, picks up dirt, and often will not operate properly in a dispenser.